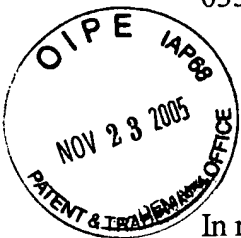


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PATENT APPLICATION



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In re Application of: )  
TADASHI OKAMOTO ET AL. ) : Examiner: E. Dejong  
Application No.: 10/601,777 ) : Group Art Unit: 1631  
Filed: June 24, 2003 ) :  
For: A METHOD FOR ACQUIRING ) :  
INFORMATION OF A BIOCHIP ) :  
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SPECTROMETRY AND AN ) :  
APPARATUS FOR ACQUIRING ) :  
INFORMATION FOR THE ) :  
APPLICATION THEREOF : November 21, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

In response to the Office Communication dated November 4, 2005, please  
amend the above-captioned application as follows and consider the following remarks.